

marks a significant shift away from allowing states to determine for themselves what type of policy is best. Proponents of this legislation state that the bill offers states the right to "opt out" of this regulation, but the truth is that the states already have the right to determine their own policy towards gambling without any broader federal regulation that threatens to undermine their control over licensing standards and enforcement actions.

**CELEBRATING 90TH BIRTHDAY OF
REV. THEODORE M. HESBURGH,
C.S.C.**

SPEECH OF

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 9, 2007

Mr. KING of New York. Madam Speaker, today I rise as a proud alumnus of the University of Notre Dame law school and ask my colleagues to join me in supporting H. Res. 687, recognizing Reverend Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., for his contributions to the civil rights movement in the United States, his tireless work to reduce the threat of nuclear conflict, and his efforts to secure the peaceful resolution of international conflicts.

As president of Notre Dame, Father Hesburgh worked to bring the university to the forefront of American institutions of higher education. Over the 35 years that he served as president, the university's enrollment, degrees awarded and the size of the faculty all greatly increased. Additionally, under Father Hesburgh's tenure, women were first admitted to the undergraduate program in 1972.

Father Hesburgh is known as one of the 20th century's most influential figures in higher education. He served on many commissions and study groups, including serving as chairman of the International Federation of Catholic Universities from 1963 to 1970. In this capacity, he led a movement to redefine the nature and mission of the contemporary Catholic university, drawing from his experiences in American Catholic universities.

Father Hesburgh's accomplishments, however, are not limited to higher education. Throughout his distinguished career, Father Hesburgh has devoted himself to the cause of justice and human rights throughout the world. He has held 16 Presidential appointments for 10 presidents—President Eisenhower through the current President Bush. In these positions, Father Hesburgh was involved in shaping policy on major social issues including civil rights, peaceful uses of atomic energy, campus unrest and treatment of Vietnam offenders.

Furthermore, Father Hesburgh served four Popes, three as permanent Vatican City representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna from 1956 to 1970. He was a charter member of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, created in 1957, and he chaired the Commission from 1969 to 1972. In 1971, he joined the board of the Overseas Development Council, a private organization supporting interests of the underdeveloped world, and chaired it until 1982. During the 1980s he was involved in a private initiative that sought to unite scientists and religious leaders in condemning nuclear weapons. In 1982, he helped organize a meeting in Vatican City of 58 sci-

entists who called for the elimination of nuclear weapons and then brought together six spiritual leaders who endorsed this view.

In recognition of his many efforts in America and throughout the world, Father Hesburgh was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in 2000 and the Medal of Freedom in 1964, the Nation's highest civilian honor. His service to his country is an inspiration to all and it has been my honor to know him.

Father Hesburgh once said, "My basic principle is that you don't make decisions because they are easy . . . you make them because they're right." He has certainly lived his life by those words and it is an honor to be recognizing today the outstanding life of this great man.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DEVIN NUNES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

Mr. NUNES. Madam Speaker, on the legislative day of Wednesday, October 10, 2007, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to cast a vote on a number of rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted: rollcall No. 959—"yea"; rollcall No. 960—"nay."

A PROCLAMATION HONORING DANIEL WIGGINS, SR., ON HIS INDUCTION TO THE OHIO VETERANS HALL OF FAME

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Daniel Wiggins, Sr., has served during three war periods; and

Whereas, he is a Life Member and Past Commander of American Legion Post 84 and a Life Member of V.F.W. Post 2901 where he served as Jr. and Sr. Commander; and

Whereas, Mr. Wiggins is a charter and life member of AMVETS Post 70 and served as Commander for four terms; and

Whereas, he served as the Guernsey County Veterans Service Officer for 21 years; and

Whereas, Daniel Wiggins, Sr., is a member and President of the Guernsey County Veterans Service Commission for the past 16 years and a former member of the GOVA Advisory Board; and

Whereas, he is a member and immediate past President of the Ohio State Association of the Veterans service Commissioners; and

Whereas, he is the past president of the DAV National Commanders and Adjuncts Association and he is a volunteer DAV van driver; and

Whereas, Mr. Wiggins is the past President of the Veterans Association of State Commanders and Adjuncts for Ohio; and

Whereas, Mr. Wiggins has been appointed to Congressman Space's Veterans Advisory Council; now, therefore, be it

Resolved That along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I commend and thank Daniel Wiggins, Sr., for his contributions to his community and

country. Congratulations to Daniel Wiggins, Sr., on his induction to the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame.

IN HONOR OF DAVID AND CAROL BURGESS LACKLAND AND THEIR EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE TO THE ARTS AND EDUCATION

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to two generous patrons of the arts and of education, David and Carol Burgess Lackland, whose service to the communities of northwest New Jersey is nearly unparalleled.

As a 1954 graduate of Centenary College, the only 4-year college in northwest New Jersey, Carol has long been a strong supporter of her alma mater. Her husband, David, also serves as a trustee for the college. Tomorrow, thanks to their extraordinary support, Centenary will break ground on the new David and Carol Lackland Center, which will serve as a hub for cultural events, education, and activities not only for the college but for the region.

The 68,000-square-foot performing arts center will include a 500-seat state-of-the-arts theater, a dance studio, a blackbox performance space, and more. The center will include classroom space where students will learn about the latest techniques and technologies available for communications and performing arts from backstage as well.

Already, Centenary offers some of the most expansive cultural opportunities in the region. The Centenary Performing Arts Guild, which has been around for about two decades and is the only Actors' Equity theater in the region—presents more than 130 performances a year. With this new facility, the region will have even greater access to high-quality performing arts programming, and I commend David and Carol Burgess Lackland for their contribution to the college community and the surrounding area.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE BRING BACK THE 70'S STREET CLUB

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Bring Back the 70's Street Club (BB70), a community improvement organization, located in Cleveland, Ohio.

The story of BB70's inception is an inspiring one. Concerned Cleveland residents, on March 10, 2004, decided to gather and discuss their vision for a safer, more secure, and more beautiful Cleveland. Since its first event, the "Spring Clean Up," the social entrepreneurs who founded BB70 have demonstrated an admirable commitment to northeast Ohio. BB70 accomplishments include instituting a community gardening project, creating a drug-free zone, posting security cameras and surveillance equipment, demolishing